

March - 2022

Shipmates, Family & Friends,

So, another year and another Reunion is upon us....Bismarck, N.D. August 21-August 26

We hope you are all excited to see North Dakota during these crazy, trying times. There is a lot of history in the Bismarck area....starting with and foremost a major outpost for the Lewis & Clark Expedition (Voyage of Discovery). A very courageous military expedition in the early 1800's to find a N/W water passage to the West Coast of our Country.

Bismarck is also a 'Ligonite' coal producing area.

The Missouri River runs right through the Bismarck/Mandan Area and is and was a major source of commerce ever since forever, and, the very beginnings of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.

All that being said, we hope to see many of you come to the USS Shangri-La's 39th Reunion.

This registration is being sent to many of you via 'snail/mail' for several reasons. Most importantly we want to make sure you receive it in time to get it back to us in plenty of time. From now until Aug. 21st. is only 5 months away. Final sign/up day for the reunion is July 15th...a little less than 4 months from now. So please make your decision and get your registration back to us ASAP..Please!

As an incentive to register early...

*For all those who get their registrations to us before June 1st, your name will be entered in a raffle for **3 winners of 1 free night** at the Radisson.

*Also, as per past several reunions, all those attending who wear their uniforms to our Plank Owners Dinner on Thursday, August 25 will be entered into a drawing for a **free night** at the Radisson. Online orders for a uniform: myNAVYExchange.com

Incidentally, the Radisson Downtown is a beautiful hotel with free airport shuttle, free parking, and a free breakfast. What's not to like!!

Room rates are \$109.00 + tax with breakfast included in the rate for 2 people per room.

Call the hotel directly at 701-255-6000 and reference the USS Shangri-La Block. Cut Off Deadline is Tuesday, July 15, 2022 (Rates & hotel could change after this date.)

And, gambling (gaming) is a big part of this area. If any of y'all are so inclined there is 'gaming' in the Radisson and some other hotels in town and several casinos within an hours' drive. Just saying...

The Radisson has given us the same room rate 3 days pre-reunion and 3 days post-reunion. Every year several folks do come early and/or stay late. My guess is they do this and are following the infamous words of Willie Nelson of his #1 Anthem...."ON THE ROAD AGAIN"

'WE MAY NEVER PASS THIS WAY AGAIN'

Some activities that could be enjoyed pre- and/or post- reunion are as follows...

- The Falkirk Coal Mine Tour EXCELLENT *****
- The International Native American Pow Wow Labor Day Weekend.
- **And for the real explorers in our group, here is a great choice...**(post-reunion) Teddy Roosevelt National Park and the town of Medora are approximately 4 hours West of Bismarck. There is a Pitchfork Steak Fondue in Medora plus the outdoor Medora Musical; an ode to patriotism, to Theodore Roosevelt, and the Spirit of the Badlands.. All 3 could be done in a day...long day albeit...but good day. I am getting a price from a local bus company and we would leave early on Sat. morning (August 27)....like 7 AM and drive to Teddy Roosevelt Park..stopping for breakfast along the way...and do a windshield tour of the park.....where the deer and the antelope and the buffalo play. We would then have the Pitchfork Steak Fondue in Medora and prior to the Medoro Musical. After the Medoro Musical, we would board the bus for the ride back to Bismarck...arriving at the Radisson appx 3 AM Sunday morning (August 28). Your choice then would be to check/out of the Radisson Sunday and start home OR stay an extra night (Sunday night) at the Radisson and depart for home on Monday... (August 29).

Call me if interested and I will have a price and details for you before you decide how many nights to book at the Radisson and remember:

Please decide and register as soon as you know what your plans will be. It really makes our lives a bit easier and the vendors lives easier as well. Looking forward to seeing many of you in Bismarck this August,

Al and Gwen Miller
20 Richards Lane
Bangor, PA 18013
H-610-588-0422 C-AI-484-894-5121

*Auxiliary Auction Dinner: Please bring an item for the auction Tues. night. We thank you for supporting our association and looking forward to having a great time in North Dakota.

USS SHANGRI-LA ACTIVITY REGISTRATION FORM

August 21-26, 2022

Bismarck, North Dakota (39th Reunion)

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to: **USS Shangri-La Association** in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before July 15, 2022 (Please remit ASAP). After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis. We suggest you keep a copy of this form.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Mail to: Al Miller
20 Richards Lane
Bangor, PA 18013
ATTN: USS SHANGRI-LA

Check# _____ Date Received: _____
Nametag Completed _____

Al-H-610-588-0422 C-484-894-5121

CUT-OFF DATE is July 15, 2022		Price per	# of people	Total
<u>TOURS:</u>		\$60		\$
MON. 8/22 MEMORIAL SERVICE at the N.D. Heritage Center & Museum Followed by light lunch & tour of the N.D. Capitol Building				
TUES. 8/23 Tour of Fort Mandan & Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center Light Lunch included		\$60		\$
WED. 8/24 Tour of Fort Lincoln & Slant Village with light lunch included Riverboat Cruise on the Missouri River		\$80		\$
THURS. 8/25 Business Meetings In the Morning. Afternoon free time. Individual & Cruise Book Photos taken late afternoon prior to Plankowners Dinner				
Friday 8/26 Farewells & Departures				
<u>MEALS:</u>		N/A**		N/A**
SUNDAY 8/21 MEET & GREET --- PIZZA & SNACKS (6pm - 9pm)				
TUES 8/23 AUXILLARY AUCTION DINNER Please select your Entrée below:				
Chicken Kiev-Chicken Breast stuffed w/Garlic Butter Sauce-breaded & baked		\$35		\$
Stuffed Pork Chop w/sage stuffing w/ Fig & Bacon Demi		\$35		\$
Tender Roast Beef w/ Herb Pan Gravy		\$35		\$
THURS. 8/25 PLANKOWNERS DINNER Please select your Entrée below:				
Pork Tenderloin w/ Whole Grain Mustard Cream Sauce		\$40		\$
Jumbo Breaded Shrimp - Panko Breaded & Fried w/ choice of 2 sauces		\$40		\$
Sirloin - 8oz Top Sirloin w/ Mushroom Demi		\$40		\$
MANDATORY PER PERSON REGISTRATION FEE Includes various reunion and administrative expenses		\$20		\$
Total Amount Payable to: USS Shangri-La Association				\$

**NO FEES APPLICABLE

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG:

FIRST _____ LAST _____ RATE/RANK _____

DIVISION ON BOARD _____ YEARS ON BOARD 19____-19____ PLANKOWNER? _____

(OVER)

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) _____ GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PH. # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ IS THIS YOUR 1ST or 2nd Reunion? Please circle.

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS _____
(Sleeping room requirements must be conveyed by attendee directly with the Radisson)

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS? YES _____ NO _____ (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ PH. NUMBER:() _____ - _____

North Dakota's Heritage Center & the State Museum was designed by the Smithsonian Institute and houses one of the largest collections of Plains Indian artifacts in the world, along with galleries that bring North Dakota's rich history to life. **The Heritage Center** is located on the **N.D. Capitol Grounds**. ***Our Memorial Service & light lunch will take place at the Heritage Center.***

Tour of Fort Mandan & the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center:

The reconstructed winter base fort is where Lewis & Clark spent 146 days in 1804. Here, they had the fortune to meet Sakakawea, The Native American woman who would become invaluable in their journey. The nearby Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center tells the story of the expedition and its time with the Mandan & Hidatsa tribes. A light lunch will be served either at Fort Mandan or the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center depending on the weather.

Tour of Fort Abraham Lincoln & On-a-Slant Indian Village:

Fort Lincoln was the home of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer's 7th Cavalry when it made its ill-fated journey to the Little Bighorn. We will have a light lunch at the Fort.

On-a-Slant Indian Village is a 400-year-old Mandan Indian village at the confluence of the Heart & Missouri Rivers.

Riverboat Cruise on the Missouri River

The Lewis & Clark Riverboat provides 1-1/2 hours of cruising on the beautiful Missouri River. Cash bar & light snacks.